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SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS						
SOIL DESCRIPTION		GRADATION			DESCRIPTION	TERMS AND DEFINITIONS
SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR MEATHERED EARTH MICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS 188 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST LAASHTO TZBG, ASTM D-1586 CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE:	#ATERIALS S THAN 3. SOIL L INCLUDE: RS SUCH THE ANGULARITY OR ROUN	WELL GRADED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE INIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE, IALSO POORLY GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES. ANGULARITY OF GRAINS THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDRESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED.		HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL, AN INFERRED ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL. SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO DR LESS THAN BLI FOOT PER 60 BLDMS. IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL, THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE OF WEATHERED ROCK. ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS: WEATHERED WEATHERED NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLDWS		ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY MATER. ADUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND. ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS, OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC.
VERY STEFF, GRAY SULY CLAS, MOST WITH INTERECORD FINE SAND LIVERS, MIGHT PLASTIC, A-1-6 SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION	SUBHRUUL HR., SUBRUURIUEL	MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION		ROCK (WR) PER FOOT.		ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE
CENEDAL CHARLE AD MATERIALE CILITARY MATERIALE	MATERIALS MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONS	MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS DUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE.		ROCK (CR) GNEISS, CABBRO, SCHIST, ETC.		GROUND SURFACE. <u>CALCAREOUS (CALC)</u> - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.
GROUP A-1 A-3 A-2 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 A CLASS. A-1-0 A-1-b A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 A-2-4 A-3 A-3 A-3-4	-4, A-5 -6, A-7 SLIGHTLY COMP MODERATELY CO		HAN 30 ROSTAL PLAII	INCLUDES PHY	RSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN ROCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE VILITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC. IN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD	COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM OF SLOPE.
SYMBOL 5000000000000000000000000000000000000	HIGHLY COMPRE	ESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT GREATE		ROCK SPT REFUSAL.	ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED	CORE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
" 10 PO MX GRANULAR	SILT- MUCK, ORGANIC MATERIAL	PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL GRANUAR SILT- CLAY OTHER	MATERIAL	WI	EATHERING	DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK.
* 40 38 MX58 MX51 MN SOILS SOILS SOILS SOILS SOILS SOILS	SOILS TRACE OF ORGANIC MATTER	ER 2 - 3% 3 - 5% TRACE	1 - 10% FRESH	ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, FEW HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE.	JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER	<u>DIP</u> - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE HORIZONTAL.
LIDUID LIMIT PLASTIC INDEX 6 MX N.P. 18 MX	TH MODERATELY ORGANIC OR HIGHLY ORGANIC	3 - 5% 5 - 12% LITTLE 5 - 10% 12 - 20% SOME >10% >20% HIGHLY	757 AND ARRYE (V. SL.I.)	CRYSTALS ON A BROKEN SPECIMEN F	AINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN, FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY. ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF	OIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH.
GROUP INDEX 8 8 8 9 4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX NO MX MODERATION ADDITIONS USUAL TYPES STORE FRACE. FINE SILTY OR CLAYEY SILTY CLAYEY ORGANIC	E ORGANIC OF SOILS	GROUND WATER TER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLIN	SLIGHT		AINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO CLAY, IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR	FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE SIDES RELATIVE TO DNE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.
DF MAJOR GRAVEL AND SAND GRAVEL AND SAND SOILS SOILS MATTER	_	TIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS.			ED. CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMMER BLOWS. OW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS. IN	FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES. FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM
GEN. RATING AS A EXCELLENT TO GODD FAIR TO POOR POOR SUBGRADE	TOOK ONSOTHELE	CHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STR	LOOM) ATA	GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS	ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY, ROCK HAS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED	PARENT MATERIAL. FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY
P.I. OF A-7-5 ≤ L.L 30 : P.I. OF A-7-6 > L.L 30	OM− SPRIM	NG OR SEEPAGE			RED OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL	THE STREAM. FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN
	UNCONFINED ROADWAY EME	MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS		AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEO	HOW KADLINIZATION, ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH DLOGIST'S PICK, ROCK GIVES "CLUNK" SOUND WHEN STRUCK.	THE FIELD.
CONSISTENCY PERCENTION RESISTENCE CONTRESS	IVE STRENGTH ROADWAY EME	ESCRIPTION VST PAIT TEST BONTING	DESIGNATIONS SEVERE		 DRED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCED	JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO
GENERALLY VERY LOOSE (4 GRANULAR LOOSE 4 TO 10 GRANULAR MEDIUM DENSE 10 TO 30	N/A SOIL SYMBOL		S- BULK SAMPLE	EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRON		ITS LATERAL EXTENT. LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS.
MATERIAL DENSE 30 TD 50 VERY DENSE >59	ROADWAY EMB	BANKMENTS - CORE BORING			RED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT	MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE.
VERY SOFT C2	<0.25	MONITORING WELL	SAMPLE	REMAINING, SAPROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE) to soil status, with only fragments of strong rock Le of rock weathered to a degree such that only minor Abric Remain. <i>If tested yields spt n values < 100 BPF</i>	PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM.
SILT-CLAY MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO B 0.5	5 TO 0.5 3/15/72 INFERRED ROO	A PIEZUMETER	COMPLETE	ROCK REDUCED TO SOIL. ROCK FABRI	IC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND	RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.
	1 TO 2 2 TO 4 >4 25/825 DIP/DIP DIREC	SLOPE INDICATOR INSTALLATION (1)	TRIAVIAL CAMPLE	ALSO AN EXAMPLE.	Z MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS, SAPROLITE IS	ROCK DUALITY DESIGNATION (R.D.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SECMENTS EQUAL TO DR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND REPORTED AS A DEPORTAGE.
TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE		ROCK STRUCTURES — SPT N-VALUE		ROCK HARDNESS VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK, BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES		EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE
U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE 4 10 40 60 200 270 OPENING (MM) 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053	• - SOUNDING ROD	SOUNDING ROD REF— SPT REFUSAL ADDRESUSATIONS		SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK. HARD CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY, HARD HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED		PARENT ROCK. SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF ICHEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND
BOULDER COBBLE GRAVEL COARSE FINE SIL (BLDR.J (COB.) (GR.) (CES. SD.) (SL.) (CES. SD.) (SL.)	HIN - HOUGH P		MODERATELY	TO DETACH HAND SPECIMEN.	PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 8.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE	RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR
GRAIN MM 385 75 2.8 0.25 0.05	0.005 CL CLAY	BT - BORING TERMINATED PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST CL CLAY SD SAND, SANDY CPT - COME PENETRATION TEST SL SILT, SILTY		EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GE BY MODERATE BLOWS.	EOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED	SLIP PLANE. STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF
SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS	CSE COARSE C.T CORING	CSE COARSE SLI SLIGHTLY C.T CORING TERMINATED TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL		MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK.		A 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL MITH A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER. SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 8.1 FOOT PENETRATION WITH 60 BLOWS.
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE ATTERBERG LIMITS) DESCRIPTION GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTU	JRE DESCRIPTION DPT - DYNAMI e - VOID RAT	DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST / - UNIT WEIGHT VDID RATIO / - DRY UNIT WEIGHT		SOFT CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK, CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT. SMALL, THIN		STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
- SATURATED - USUALLY LIQUID VERY W (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUN	ID WATER TABLE FOSS FOSSI FRAC FRACT	F FINE W - MOISTURE CONTENT FOSS FOSSILIFEROUS V VERY FRAC FRACTURED VST - VANE SHEAR TEST FRAGS FRAGMENTS		PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFE. CAN B OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BRO	PRESSURE. BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK, PIECES 1 INCH DKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY	STRATA ROCK DUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SECRENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTIAGE.
PLASTIC SEMISOLID: REQUIRES DR ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTU	YING TO	EDUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJE	CT FR	FINGERNAIL. ACTURE SPACING	BEDDING	TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.
(PI) PL PLASTIC LIMIT	ORILL UNITS:		ER TYPE: TERM	SPACING	TERM THICKNESS VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET	BENCH MARK: BL -101- STA. 10+57.77'
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MOIST - IMD SOLID; AT OR NEAR OPT		CLAY BITS	AUTOMATIC MANUAL VERY WIDE WIDE	3 TO 10 FEET	THICKLY BEDDED 1.5 - 4 FEET THINLY BEDDED 8.16 - 1.5 FEET	ELEVATION: 213.54
- DRY - (D) REDUIRES ADDITIONAL M	ATER TO	F-3	SIZE: MODERATEL CLOSE VERY CLOS	0.16 TO 1 FEET	VERY THINLY BEDDED 0.03 - 0.16 FEET THICKLY LAMINATED 0.008 - 0.03 FEET	NOTES:
PLASTICITY	CME-45	, —	B		THINLY LAMINATED C 8.888 FEET DURATION	
PLASTICITY INDEX (PI) DRY STREN	бтн				ENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.	
NONPLASTIC 0-5 VERY LOW LOW PLASTICITY 6-15 SLIGHT	2 5.6 330	CASING W/ ADVANCER	H 0 FR14		IG WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS: E BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE.	
MED. PLASTICITY 16-25 MEDIUM HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH	PORTABLE HOIST	TRICONESTEEL TEETH	POST HOLE DIGGER . MODE		CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE; S EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER.	
COLOR	OTHER	TRICONE TUNG,-CARB.	HAND AUGER SOUNDING ROD INDU		S ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE: ULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER.	
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAM, RED. YEL-BRN, BL MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARAN	i []	_ DOTHER U	VANE SHEAR TEST OTHER EXTR	EMELY INDURATED SHARP	HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE: E BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.	
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